Trafficking in Persons Especially Women and Children and Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in firearms etc.

(b) The convention *inter alia* mandates the parties to criminalize participation in or aiding, abetting and supporting any organized criminal group, money laundering, corruption and obstruction of justice etc. in their domestic laws. It also covers a range of illegal activities, illegal sale of firearms, smuggling of migrants by land, sea & air and trafficking in persons, including women and children, etc.

(c) The United Nations Convention against Transnational Organised Crime is considered to be an effective tool and provide necessary legal framework for bilateral, regional and international cooperation in combating activities like money laundering, corruption, illicit trafficking, offences against cultural heritage, growing links between transnational organized crimes and terrorist crime for tackling the scourge of global and cross border terrorism.

People reported missing in J & K

†3482. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL :

SHRI LAJPAT RAI :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that 3,744 people are reported to be missing in Jammu and Kashmir during last three years;

(b) if not, the facts in this regard;

(c) whether any action has been taken by Government to ascertain the whereabouts of these people; and

(d) if so, the information gathered about these people so far and the number of persons out of the same who are supposed to be out of the country even now?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK) : (a) and (b) As per the State Government of Jammu & Kashmir, an estimated number of 3744 persons have been reported to be missing till date.

(c) and (d) State Government has informed that most among the missing persons have reportedly been allured by mentors of terrorism and they are

† Original notice of the question was received to Hindi.

believed to have gone across the LoC/IB for obtaining subversive training or are working with the terrorists as their guides/local trained militants over here. In recent past a number of such reported missing persons had been killed in encounters with SF/Police thereby substantiating that these missing persons had become terrorists.

In all the cases of missing/disappearance whenever the report is received at police station level, immediate cognizance is taken. In all such cases, missing reports are entered in the records of concerned police stations and missing files opened. The police at Thana level also make all efforts to trace such missing persons. Information is shared at appropriate levels to ensure tracing out the individuals.

NHRC concern over suicide cases of farmers

3483. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have been hauled up by NHRC for violation of human rights as the cause for the farmers' suicide and forcible collection of dues;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the role of National Human Rights Commission in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK) : (a) to (c) The NHRC had, received four complaints from the State of Andhra Pradesh (three in the year 1997-98 and one in 2001-2002) expressing concern over the suicides committed by farmers in the State of Andhra Pradesh on account of alleged State negligence and failure to implement the State policies. The cases relating to the year 1997-98 have been closed by the Commission after considering the reports of the State authorities. The Commission had also received complaints from the State of Karnataka in the year 2002-2003 and had called for a report from the State authorities. The Commission will after considering the report of the State Government, make appropriate recommendations in accordance with the provisions of the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993.